There was a request from the Government of Rajasthan regarding development of petrochemical complex in Rajasthan based on the gas available from HBJ Pipeline. Decision on the setting up of such petrochemical complex is taken on techno economic considerations.

Proposal to increase the incentives for industries in backward regions of Rajasthan

1251. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of industries set up in the backward regions of Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) whether the present package of incentive is not sufficient to attract entrepreneurs to set up industries in the backward areas; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to further increase the incentives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The following Letters of Intent (LOI), Industrial Licences (ILS), Delicensed Industries Registrations (DLR) and DGTD Registration issued to backward districts in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years would show the pace of industrial development of backward districts:—

	LOI	IL	DLR	DGTD REGN.
1985	25	25	44	65
1986	32	12	53	36
1987	42	7	61	40

In addition, upto 1987, 54462 (estimated) permanent SSI Registrations have been issued to Rajasthan (including backward areas).

The following amount of Central investment subsidy were reimbursed to the State of Rajasthan during the last 3 financial years:

1985-86	Rs. 8.59 crores
1986-87	Rs. 6.34 crores
1987-88	Rs. 12.20 crores

There is no proposal to further increase the incentives.

Shortage of petrol and petroleum products in Kashmir Valley

1252. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the exasperatingly acute shortage of petroleum products, particularly petrol, diesel and kerosene oil in Kashmir Valley during September, 1988 consequent upon the blockade of road due to heavy rains resulting in airlifting of these products;

(b) whether this acute shortage due to a few day's closure of road is not contrary to Government's assurances that adequate quantities of these products will be stored in Kashmir Valley;

(c) in view of the undependable nature of the Jammu/Srinagar road and the onset of winter which has already started, what effective steps have been taken by Government to